Unmanned level crossings

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned level crossing still existing, State-wise;

(b) the number of accidents took place and lives lost at unmanned level crossings during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to man those unmanned level crossings and the annual expenditure likely to be incurred for making these unmanned level crossings as manned crossings;

(d) if so, by when the process is expected to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) State-wise number of unamanned level crossings as on 01.04.2006 is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Statistics of consequential train accidents are not maintained State-wise. However, the number of train accidents at unmanned level crossings and lives lost during the last three years are given below:—

Type of Accidents	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Unmanned Level Crossing Accident	86	65	65
Person Killed	138	173	120

(c) to e) As per extant rules, in case an unmanned level crossing provided initially and maintained at the cost of the Railways needs manning/ upgrading/posting of additional gatekeeper due to increase in road traffic, the cost both initial as well as recurring and maintenance has to be borne by the State Government/Road Authority concerned. However, keeping in view the grave consequences of accidents at unmanned level crossings, Railways have decided to man vulnerable level crossings. During the current financial year, 369 level crossings are targeted for manning.

The average initial cost of manning works of one unmanned level crossing is about Rs. 12 lakhs and recurring expenditure on manning and operational cost of each level crossing is about Rs. 3.5 lakhs per annum.

Statement

State-wise number of unmanned level crossings

S.No.	State	Number of Unmanned* Level Crossings
1	2	3
1.	Assam	581
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1363
3.	Bihar	1029
4.	Chhattisgarh	304
5.	Delhi	02
6.	Gujarat	2746
7.	Haryana	370
8.	Himachal Pradesh	55
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	09
10.	Jharkhand	442
11.	Karnataka	821
12.	Kerala	120
13.	Madhya Pradesh	977
14.	Maharashtra	1060
15.	Manipur	0
16.	Mizoram	0
17.	Nagaland	0
18.	Orissa	860
19.	Punjab	860
20.	Rajasthan	1508
21.	Tamil Nadu	1227
22.	Tripura	15
23.	Uttar Pradesh	2690
24.	Uttarakhand	119
25.	West Bengal	1130
26.	Chandigarh	0
27.	Pondicherry	09
28.	Goa	0
	TOTAL:	18297

*Excluding Canal Crossings and 'D' Class cattle crossings.